



Football first for nursery school.

Cambridgeshire based Silks Farm Nursery School recently became the first nursery school in England to be honoured with the Charter Standard Schools award for its pre-school football programme. Presented by the Huntingdonshire FA at Peterborough United's football grounds, Alan Poulain Football Development Manager comments, 'it is clear to see the people at Silks Farm Nursery School are passionate about delivering football sessions to young children in a fun way. They deserve the award because of the amount of effort they put into their football programme and how they contribute to 'grassroots' football locally'.

Launched in October 2005, the Silks Strikers football programme was devised by Silks Farm Nursery School, with input from experienced football coaches and guidance from the Huntingdonshire FA. The programme is designed for boys and girls 3 & 4 years of age, and operates from the nursery's sports ground. Sessions are held once or twice a week and last for a maximum of 40 minutes. Each Silks Strikers football session is delivered by a qualified FA coach, with the emphasis on being on fun. Through a series of educational games, the children learn how to run with the ball, dribble, pass and shoot.

The programme has received interest from senior members of The FA and last year Silks Farm Nursery School received a visit from Craig Simmons, player development adviser for The FA. Craig, who has a wealth of experience in football development, including staffing The Football Association National School's programme at the Lillleshall National Sports Centre has influenced many young players become household names. Nigel Swaby, director of Silks Farm Nursery School said, 'We were really honoured to have received a visit from such a high profile FA representative. The input he gave us was invaluable, enabling us to make the Silks Strikers programme even better!'

General Information.

Silks Farm Nursery School is the leading nursery in the region. The nursery operates from purpose built premises set in 7 acres of private grounds and boasts a sports field, 3 acre nature reserve, two playgrounds and vegetable gardens.

For further information please contact:

Nigel Swaby of Silks Farm Nursery School on 01354 659331 or 07947 020043

Email: info@silksfarm.co.uk

Silks Farm Nursery School, St. Ives Road, Somersham, Huntingdon, Cambs PE28 3ET

www.silksfarm.co.uk